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2. Japanese patent publication no. 08-035993. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
3. Japanese patent publication no. 08-178965. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
4. Japanese patent publication no. 61-080074. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
5. Japanese patent publication no. 08-233865. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
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